

missioner and to Mr. Jay for having made an accusation against the latter. He said it was the first blow he had ever struck a human being in his life, and he trusted it would be the last. He said that the blow was the feelings of a man caused by the charge which had been made, and which Mr. Jay has since said he did not mean in the sense which the language implied.

Mr. Busted contended that possession is presumptive right to chattel property. The presumption is in this case, where it has been shown that Preston was in the service of Mr. Busted in 1867, and that a black man, the probability is he was a slave, of